

IN HONOR OF DONALD A.  
BACHMAN

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Donald A. Bachman of Huntingdon County for his service in the United States Air Force. Donald is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for his service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Donald for his service to our nation and our community.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF ALFRED  
LLEWELLYN HOBGOOD III**

**HON. GEORGE HOLDING**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 2020*

Mr. HOLDING. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood III. Hobgood spent his entire life in North Carolina. He was a successful businessman, a fixture in the community and above all, a loving husband and father of two.

Alfred Hobgood was born on December 3, 1946 in Kinston, North Carolina to Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood, Jr. and Suefan Gooding Hobgood.

He was raised in Smithfield and attended Darlington High School before attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His time at UNC was formative to his life and the lessons he learned set him up for a successful career in the business world.

After leaving UNC, he began his career under the arms of Jim Wheat of Wheat First Securities.

Then he went to Scott and Stringfellow in Eastern North Carolina. After that, he went on to work for RBC Wealth Management, where he served as Senior Vice President.

Alfred was a passionate UNC fan and an active alumnus, serving as an officer on several boards, including as president of the Co-Founders Club and chairman of the Excellence Fund.

Alfred was also an avid golfer. He was a founding board member of Old Chatham Golf Club and a board member of The Rex Hospital Open. And he passionately supported the First Tee of the Triangle as a past Director.

His weight as a member of the community was felt all over North Carolina as he supported the Parrot Academy of Kinston, the LMH Foundation, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, St. Mary's School in Raleigh, Rex Hospital, and many other charitable causes.

Sadly, Madam Speaker, Alfred Llewellyn Hobgood III passed away on October 6, 2019 at the age of 72. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and the entire community.

**HONORING AISHA ERMA LENORA  
SAFFOLD**

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 2020*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Aisha Erma Lenora Saffold, who is a pearl that begins as a particle of dust or dirt and finds its way inside an oyster. Then, the oyster coats the particle repeatedly over time—up to two to four years—until the finished product is a smooth, lustrous white pearl, which often has a value the same as a gemstone, ranging from hundreds to even millions of dollars.

They're found at the bottom of the ocean. They take all the grime and the dust and the dirt from the sea, and they form this valuable gem. For bcnv hopes and dreams.

Our P.E.A.R.L.S. members are led by young women who serve as mentors, and in turn, our mentors develop leadership skills that they will carry with them throughout life. We strive to help young teenage girls build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and recognize community importance.

She aspires to empower young women to believe in themselves and teach them that validation comes from oneself. In a society where the media implants a false image of whom and what a young woman should resemble, she has vowed to take a stand to teach the contrary and impart knowledge and wisdom in PEARL's lives. She wants every Mississippi girl to know that they are intelligent and beautiful and can reach their goals and excel at all they put their hands towards. As long as they have someone in their corner backing and pushing them to pursue their dreams, they will attain them.

She wants all of the world to know that good people and good things are happening in the Great State of Mississippi.

Aisha knows that our Mississippi girls are future presidents, C.E.O.'s, ambassadors, producers, doctors, teachers, entrepreneurs, and by molding and shaping them, they can achieve so much more.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and congratulating Mrs. Aisha Erma Lenora Saffold for being actively involved and making great accomplishments in Holmes County.

**IN HONOR OF LOUISE A. BEERS**

**HON. JOHN JOYCE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 2020*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Louise A. Beers of Huntingdon County for her service in the United States Navy. Louise is an outstanding Pennsylvanian, and I am grateful for her service to our nation, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and our community.

In Pennsylvania and across the country, our veterans have served and sacrificed for Americans' freedom and our values. They answered the call to serve and fight for us—at a great cost. Truly, our veterans are the best of America.

In Congress, it is my privilege—and my responsibility—to stand up for those who have served our country in uniform, as well as to recognize these brave Americans. As a nation, we are indebted to them. On behalf of the 13th Congressional District, I thank Louise for her service to our nation and our community.

**IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE  
AND LEGACY OF ANTHONY  
"TONY" VILLEGAS**

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 12, 2020*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with an aching but appreciative heart, on behalf of the Kansas City community and Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, to honor the memory of Anthony "Tony" Villegas. Kansas City has lost a kindred spirit and happy warrior, who dedicated his life to serving his community.

Scripture tells us, in 1 Peter 4:10, to use whatever gifts we have received from God to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. As a member of the Parish Council for the St. John Evangelist Church in Kansas City, Tony understood this call to service better than most. Tony was blessed with the gift of a loving family, a beautiful marriage that would last sixty-one years, and an unrelentingly optimistic demeanor, and he turned those gifts into a lifetime of public service. He served on several boards and commissions working to strengthen our community throughout his life, including a quarter-century stint on the Board of Public Utilities. Believing that our city was at its best when everyone was given a fair shot, he worked tirelessly to promote inclusivity and unity. During his eight years on the Kansas Human Rights Commission, he worked to eliminate discrimination, segregation, and animus against people of color trying to access public accommodations and affordable housing. And during his tenure as the Commissioner of the Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority, he held fast to his belief that access to safe and affordable housing was a fundamental human right, and he rejoiced every time he helped a family secure a place to call home. Today, families across Kansas City are safe and warm with roofs above their heads because of Tony's unwavering support and enthusiastic advocacy.

Tony's work did not stop at promoting equal treatment under the law and investing in families' success through affordable housing; he also worked tirelessly to promote equal access to education. As a Board Member and Vice-President of El Centro for eight years, he worked to provide young Latino children with high-quality education. This education has provided the foundation for thousands of students to lead healthier lives, bolster their economic mobility, and advocate for the Latino community through elections and policy initiatives. Through the Academy for Children and various after-school enrichment programs, El